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### "SALUTATORY!"

A newspaper is a medium of commu-nication. It is the medium through which news is communicated; the medium through which the views of the editor and the views of correspondents are com-municated to the general public: The more extensive this communication the nearer to perfection does the newspaper approach. In short, a newspaper is sort of clearing house for news and views. By means of its vast machinery it collects news and views in its own establishment, and then by circulating

routine and turn the paper over, bag and tive Association, in order that this eminently respectable and useful and influential organization may employ our me to communicate with the outside Of course, this might have been fone in part by simply surrendering some It would not have been a complete job accomplished. If we may be pardoned for saying so, it is a characteristic of the newspaper man to learn from others, His training forces him to see that there are man knows it all, that every man may tire establishment has decided that it is wise, as we hope that it will be profitable, for us to take a day's instruction in therefore, invited the organization to take charge of the paper for a day and give us its ideas as to how a newspaper

But we had another object in view The Travelers' Protective Association of America is composed of men who are most representative citizens, who feel playing a most conspicuous part in the commercial and industrial development of the country, and we are glad of the apportunity to give them the advantage this useful organization is engaged. The of our medium to bring before the general public the organization which they represent, to show what a great organigation it is and what it has accomplished and what it is accomplishing for the ben-

It was organized in June, 1890, it has thirty-one State divisions, it has posts in one hundred and thirty-five cities, it has a membership of 22,500, and it has paid in indemnities to its members \$810,600. In addition to what it has accomplished for its own membership, and for general trade it has secured for the country at valuable legislation. It through the work and influence of the Travelers' Protective Association that the Department of Commerce was established, and to-day we print a letter from Section and giving it kind words of approval. It has secured for the general public valsable concessions from the railroads, and as far back as 1696 it introduced a reso-tution in the city of Danville looking to the establishment of a Corporation Bommission in Virginia, and has since that time worked diligently to that end.

and we shall not criticise until after the public wordiot has been rendered. But we "point with pride," se the politicians say, to the splendid array of business abday, and we would emphasize the fact that through subscriptions from Sentile to San Antonio, from Jacksonville to Providence, and from New Orleans to Chicago, the paper will have an enormous circulation, and will be a splendid adver-tisement not only for the organisation in charge, but for the city of Richmond

and the State of Virginia.

Next to the indefatigable "traveling nan" the newspaper is the best solicitor of trade, and we are sending out to-day through the mails to all parts of the land housands upon thousands of these white winged "drummers" each in itself a representative and a counterpart of the same ple merchant of America.
We have thus established business re

lations and fraternal relations with this great commercial fraternity, and we hope that the copartnership which we have this day formed will be abiding, and will be mutually agreeable and profitable. We the T. P. K. that The Timespatch is something of a "drummer" itself and worthy to be an honorable member

#### THE T. P. A.

The business community is well in formed as to just what has been accomplished by this useful organization, both locally and in national business affairs but the general public is not so well in-formed as to the valuable work which this growing institution has been promoting, The removal from the statute books what was known as county and city li-cense tax upon commercial travelers, many years, was entirely due to the ac-tive efforts of the Travelers' Protective Association of America. In nearly every section of the United States there is issued what is known as interchangeabl mileage books at moderate cost, good over various systems, ranging from 5,000 to \$0,000 miles to each of the systems by the use of a single book, which is a matter of great convenience, and does away with the necessity of investing several hundred dollars at the time in a number of individual mileage books. This issuance of interchangeable mileage has become al-most universal in this country, and was secured after many years of hard fighting upon the part of the T. P. A.

The interstate commerce law was amend-ed by Congress through the application of the same organization. The new Department of Commerce, recently created by Congress, was originated in the Na-tional Convention of this association. It was largely through the constant efforts on the part of its committees for seven or eight years that its consummation was eventually brought about. The association is composed of both

traveling men and heads of houses, and tual interest; in fact, the association ha been of more benefit to heads of houses. as nearly all of their important move ments and work have inured largely to the benefit of the employers. The assoin matters which pertained between employer and employed, but its constant of able to guarantee its indemnity insurance necessary to go from place to place, have which has been secured through the active liberal and have shown a disposition to try to improve whatever defects may have

the committees of this association. The organization is represented in about every case the local organization has Trade, Chambers of Commerce, &c., always standing shoulder to shoulder with them in doing all it can to promote the business interests of their respective lo-

calities. One of the strong principles of the assoman knows it all, that every man may clation is to use every effort to improve receive valuable hints by encouraging his the moral status of commercial travelers. neighbors to give them, and so this en- and men who have traveled for many years can testify to the fact that the av erage moral condition has been highly improved in the past twenty years, as the school of the T. P. A. We have, the association has always endeavored to impress upon its membership that a commercial traveler should always conduct himself as a gentleman wherever he may

ship of about 550, made up of some of our proud of the organization and stand ready at all times to use every means in their power to further the good work in which other leading cities of the State, to whose local organizations the same condition apply. It has been said that commerce promotes civilization, and through no other means can this end be more strong. ly extended than through the encourage ment and moral support of an organization which represents the driving wheel of commerca JOB, WALLERSTEIN.

THE TORRENS SYSTEM. In this age of competition, extending not only to individuals, but to communities, States and nations, no element o success or progress can be disregarded without material loss. Those who do not strugle to reach the front ranks and to keep step in the great march o improvement will be relegated to the rear and soon be left far behind. Events move much faster now than fifty, thirty, or even twenty years ago. The pace of the twentieth century is not to be measured by that of the nineteenth. The motto of the business man is: "When you see a good thing, acquire and use it at

What is of more importance for the de-

valopment of the State than the settle-ment of land titles and increased facilities in dealing with lands? Our present system is antiquated and retards transactions by multiplied costs, long delays, and numerous uncertainties. The Torbut has been thoroughly tested among five years; and all who have ever tried it have found it highly satisfactory. There are no good reasons against and Virginia cannot afford to lose the many benefits that are surs to follow other countries. I am convinced it would be of great benefit to Richmond and help the country communities in propor The proposed bill leaves registration en

not see why the Legislature should heattate to pass it.
The small expense involved is worthy of consideration in a matter of consequence. Besides, the friends of the bill and those who have made a study of details say it will soon more than meet its appropriation and prove s revenue measure for the State. I earnestly hope the bill will be passed at once.

#### COBDEN, THE "BAGMAN."

The drummer is the apostle of the divi in this field is noted and applauded by the whole world. It was not always so, for when that great fighter for human liberty, Richard Cobden, began his cele brated compaign against the entrenched monopoly of a people's bread, he was when he had finished his work and when onus of a bread tax, the public began to mer was no insuperable barrier to being

the drummer has never been lost and to-day the public understands that so of power and profit to a man in that he is brought into contact through his vocation with all sorts and conditions of men and is thereby enabled to grasp idea which it would be impossible for the recluse to apprehend. The drummer is wonderful leavening power, in the com mercial life of a country. Richard Cob den furnished the example and set the pace and the latter-day drummer gone on to greater triumphs.

#### MARCHING ON.

From the New York Tribune of Sunday we clip the following interesting announcement:

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The New York school boy must say
good bye to "Uncle Tom." The city superintendents of public schools have deolded that "Uncle Tom's Cabin" shall
be barred from the school library shelves.
The book, they say, tells of times that
have passed, of evils that have perished,
of slavery and brutality that the present
day knows nothing about.

This action by the school authorities
has provoked widespread discussion.
Some say these officials have acted wisely.
They argue that it is a waste of time
for a lad to read about evil conditions
that have ceased to exist, especially when
a reader is likely to estimate these conditions as blacker than they really were. A
new South is springing up. New ideals
and new purposes are stirring its scolety.
The negro problem is still involved, but
these critics eny its solution is only made
the loss possible by books like "Uncle
Tom's Cabin."

And so we go moving on. We are ting, nearer and near every day to the repeal of the Fifteenth Amendment.

## WELL DONE.

The Confederate Bazaar cleared the onument to Jefferson Davis is to honor to the women of the Confederacy who have raised the money.

The City Council has unanimously voted an appropriation of \$50,000 to the Confed erate Battle Abbey, and that means that the Battle Abbey is to be built.

Protty good work for one week! Hur-

Work has been stopped on the Little Kanawha Railroad, which was to have closed an important gap between the West Virginia Central and the Wabash, to form part of the line to the tidewate terminal at Baltimore. Contractors who have been at work several weeks with several thousand men have been ordered to other points and everything is at a atandatill

President Blair says the stoppage was necessary on account of the stringency in the money market. "It is not true, he save "that we have 'abandoned' work on the Little Kanawha extension; we have only postponed it. We are not work necessary to complete our trunk line to the seaboard as soon

"Babe" Balley, of Texas, is well remembered here by reason of a joint dis cussion that he engaged in at Belvidere Hall in this city. Then he was a member tatives. Now he is a United States Sens-His latest newspaper appearance, so to speak, is in a paragraph which represents that he has made a \$200,000 fee by financing a Texas corporation in New York. So we conclude that the honorable gentleman is not so much of a "babe" as he might be supposed to be from his youthful appearance.

A letter from Norh Carolina, recently published in this paper, spoke of "Poco-

We used to hear the same expression in Eastern Virginia, but it is rare now-a-days. It is spelt "pocosin" or "poquosin," and refers to grassy swamp lands. It comes to us from the Indian tongue, we believe. He who usese it now-a-days may be pretty surely enrolled as a mem-ber of an old-time Tidewater Virginia or Carolina family.

There is a "Jim Crow law" in New Orleans applicable to street cars. Its workfore, to be this day the representative Push your business and crowd those and exponent of so grand an institution.

Our readers must judge for themselves how well the T. P. A. editors and are porters and business managers have succeeded in their newspaper undertaking,

Hurrah for West Point, and also for Miss Trice, of that town. Fire may burn down that kind of a town and burn out such people, but it can't keep them down and out.

The Mafia seems to have opened offices n quite a number of Northern cities. If we mistake not, it was once argued that the Mafia could do husiness only in New

to without a Gosbal cas. She is not going to do without one. When one grown stale a new one is provided.

The Danville preacher-tolograph operator had been look more closely into the law before he undertakes to marry that New Jersey couple by tolograph. The country is mafe now, sure enough

The Albemarle pippins are not hurt by the frosts. So says Mr. Boas, of Covesville, and he knows. The ocol-almost cold-nights are no

helping the receipts of the strawberry farmers in Eastern Carolina and Virginia. This is Drummers' day, but not a

stional holiday, nor a newspaper man's bollday, either.

The T. P. A. editors did not lose much

Snow fell in Texas on the 80th of April Great and ourlous State is that Toxas.

## A Few Foreign Pacts.

The Northern of France Railway Com-pany, it is stated, has decided, to install wireless tolegraphy on its Dover-Calais cross channel steamships.

Machinery has been ordered for the Argentine Republic to turn out 250 tons a week of "molascult," the new cattle food made from molasses and sugar cane dbre.

The German Reichstag has voted \$70,000 for the purchase and maintenance of motor cars in the German army. The French appropriation for a similar purpose was

A certain large land-owner in Russia A certain large land-owner in Russia is making a study of the migratory habits of birds. To all those he can capture he attaches a note in Russian, German, French and English, asking whoever may find or kill them to let him know the country to which they had flown.

The Greek Government annually impor The Greek Government annually imporessible worm eggs from foreign countries, distributes them gratuitously, and has experiments made in its agricultural stations to learn the best methods of silk oulture from the kingdom. No other food than the mulberry leaf is given to silk worms in Greece.

## Half Hour With Virginia Editors.

The Buena Vista Advocate is in danger of being scalped by the Norfolk Virginian-

Pilot. It says:

"A bill embodying the anti-trust law of Missouri has been introduced in the Virginia Legislature to prevent trusts, etc. Keep it up, gentlemen. It is only a matter of time when you will drive out all capital from the State."

thus:
"Mr. Bryan has dictated the platforms."
The mast

two Democratic conventions. The mass the party voted for him for President two occasions, and what superior or perpetual claims he has upon his

tem and the bill now before the Legisla tem and the bill now before the Legisliture, the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot says:

"In so far as they understand the merits of the bill we believe that real estate owners, generally, want it enacted into law. It would effect a great saving in time and money in real estate transfers and would, moreover, give to real estate titles a soundness they do not possess under the present system." under the present system.

# Personal and General.

Dr. Samuel Smiles is the oldest living author in England. Professor Marcius Willison, of Vineland, N. J., is thought to be the oldest in America.

Count Speck von Sternburg, t man envoy, and his wife will sp suinmer at Dublin, N. H.

Former Senator Joter C. Pritchard, of North Carolina, and now Associate Jus-tice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, has purchased a fine home in University Park, Washington.

The bi-centounial of the birth of Jonatian Edwards, the greatest theologian of this country in the eighteenth century, will be observed at Yalo on October 5,

H. O. Havemeyer, who, it is reported, will retire from the presidency of the sugar trust soon on account of his poor health, is at times extremely nervous, so that the least noise jars him.

Sculptor Trantanoves' bronse bust of the late Senator Cushman K. Davis has arrived in Washington from Italy. The sculptor is on his way to this country to be present at the unveiling of the work over the grave of Senator Davis in Arlington.

# North Carolina Sentiment.

Referring to the Cleveland demonstra-tions in St. Louis, the Charlotte Obserwer says:

wer says:

He spoke briliantly, and when he concluded the audience started the refrain, "Four years more of Grover." Every day newspapers and individuals are preheaving that he will be the Democratio nomines for President next year; his praises are sounded from one end of the land to the other; criticism of him has ceased, except in Nebraska, and he, who, six years ago, was the best hated man in the country, is in danger of becoming again the most popular. What does it all mean?

On the same subject the Raleigh Post

says:

While Mr. Roosevelt returns "entirely satisfied" with the prospects of his vote crop in the Western Bistes and boroughs, it will be noted that Mr. Grover Cleveland stirred up the multitudes from Princeton to St. Louis in the "pivotal States" of Maryland, Indiana and Illinois as he passed through, Selah.

# purposes of accumsions, pionics, etc. The company now effects to make extra provision for these appetal occasions, but their offer has been declined by the col-The Danvers Jewels

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"Have all come back by this train."
Charles naked.
"All, sir, except"—and he hesitated—
"except a few. The doctor who went has not returned; and the guard says there were some of the passengers badly hurt—that he would not allow to be moved from the farm when the train came for them. The engine-driver and one or two others were—"
Charles made a sign to him to be signet.

"How far is it?" he asked.

charles made a sign to him to be stated. Charles made a sign to him to be stated. "Twenty miles, siz." "Twenty miles, siz." "Twenty miles, siz." "Are the roads practicable?" "No, sir. At least they would be very uncertain once you got into the lanes." "We can walk along the line," said Ralph. "That must be clear. Let us start at once." "We would pay well reaked Charles, "We would pay well reaked Charles, "We would pay well reaked charles, thim a very pushing, inquisitive kind of person. I he die curiosity which is continually prying into the concerns of others of the walk was had a great distinct the property of the state of the mindly answered; and after a time is gooke to him, once or twice, but he mindly answered; and after a time is ave it up, and we paced in silence. "At less Charles returned, His request for an engine had been refused, but a further relay of workmen was being sent of use the concerns of the workmen was being sent of use the concerns of the workmen was being sent of use the concerns of the workmen was length and us to go with them. After two long, interminable hours of that everlasting pacing, we found ourselves in an open truck the station. At the last more of the workmen, who laussed to take no notice of it; but. "The pace may have been great, but to smoke here here to come to make the property have been great, but to smoke here here and the property and the open truck the soul was previous. The pace may have been great, but to smoke here here here to take a mong the back against the side of the truck, his eyes freed upon the gray horizon. Once heturned suddenly to his the back against the side of the truck, his eyes fixed upon the gray horizon. Once heturned suddenly to his truck, his eyes fixed upon the gray horizon. Once heturned suddenly to his the pace of the truck, his eyes fixed upon the gray horizon. Once heturned suddenly to his the pace of the work of the pace of the truck his accompanied us. The pace of the pace of the truck his accompanied us. The pace of the pace of the pace

BY MARY CHOLMONDELMY.

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There was an air of eccitoment about the protection of the protection

Metropolitan Lodge. Metropolitan Lodge, No. 228, I. O. O. F., will colebrate its second anniversary Thursday night, May 7th, at the lodge room in Marshall Hell An announced room in Marshall Hall. An appropriate programme has been arranged for the occasion, at the conclusion of which, re-freshments will be served in abundance. A large attendance is expected, and all who are present will be shown a good time.

# FIRST CASE TO



THE MAN ABOUT Town

\_BY\_

Harry Tucker DAILY CALENDAR. 1903—Population of the T. P. A., 25,000. 2204—Population, 8,463,277—Vide Smith, Noci and Lorraine.

When we got into the office and found Mr. Frits Bitterding cocupying our desk, and telling somebody the result of the ball game, and figuring out who was high gun at the shoot and making a golf match score card, with a picture of John L. Sullivan in frent of him, and a copy of Hoyle on Games at hand, with bioyde pants on and a cap down over his eyes, we realised that a twentieth century newspaper was about to be produced and that all of Horace Smith's and Lee Lorraine's hot air for months back, was now concentrated into something tangible.

even them working up his circulation.
With Colored John S. Harwood in the managing editor's chair, with a pasts pos and solssors in front of him, and the office oat asleep in his hat, and his assistant, Mr. Arthur B. Clarke, cutting the bast things from the country exchanges, while Joe Wallerstein and J. L. Hill handled the telegraph, and Honry L. Valentine in a dress suit wrote column after column of society stuff, the old regulars felt that a day of rest had come, and it didn't take Bob Scott and Lacy Smith five minutes to set their suit cases ready for strip to Orange county.

Taylor went off into the park, and at a bag of peanuls; Boyce took a trip to the country with Senator Barkedale; Ralph Smith went to a ball game; Goisinser spent the day looking at the curiosities in the tobacco exchanges and Shockee Bilp; and the other fellows took to the woods:

New the all over we feel that we will

So if we show up in an indisposed con dition, what is the answer?

#### TWO TRIALS SET

Ex-Alderman John M. King, May 25th; Sandridge on June 15th.

Unless a postponement is granted by from Jefferson Ward, charged with having accepted a bribe from paving contractors, will go on trial in the Hus-tings Court on May 26th, this date having been agreed upon yesterday by Common wealth's Attorney Riofhardson and consel for the defense, when the docket for the May term was called.

As will be remembered, King was tried and convicted in the Police Court. He took an appeal to the Hustings Court, and the second hearing resulted in a hung jury, the defendant at present being as

the second nearing resent being as liberty on ball.

Another case of much interest, which was called and for the hearing of which a date was set was that of Aired Sandridge, who is charged with the murder of Miss Nannie Morris, his sweetheart. The date fixed for this trial is June 15th.

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